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Associate Deputy Director for  
Science and Technology  
Room 6E45, Headquarters

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The attached material on Project PRIME is  
for your information per your request. Included  
is an informal note which describes FBIS' role.



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Director, Foreign Broadcast  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

FROM: Philip K. Eckman,  
Director of Research and Development

SUBJECT: Support Requirements For The Chemical Warfare Research Program (PRIME) [redacted]

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1. The Chemical Warfare Research Program (PRIME) requested by the Director of NFAC is ready to begin. Attached is a summary of the problem and the thrust of the research program. We feel that it is important that Agency personnel that are to be assigned to this project become fully conversant with the program's aims and goals, and the program's timetable. Those Agency offices that will be associated with PRIME's objective are being contacted for assignment of personnel. [redacted]

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2. OSWR has designated [redacted] as Principal Investigator and [redacted] as Senior Analyst. [redacted] (OTA) are already in the exploitation phase of this project. [redacted]

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3. The assignment of [redacted] to assist in this effort would help expedite the program. [redacted] is project PRIME coordinator and is prepared to answer any questions dealing with this effort. [redacted]

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Philip K. Eckman

Attachment:  
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The contractors will include industrial hardware and process model specialists as well as a system integration group and will work with the AMRD-directed NFAC Chemical Warfare Team to develop a preliminary assessment capability in FY-81. NFAC has made a formal commitment to provide a team which will consist of personnel from OIA, OSWR, OSR, and ODP. The operational system will be evaluated against selected Soviet pesticide plants in FY-82.

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b. Relationship to other Agency Programs

This is a new program in ORD that will directly support OSWR's chemical warfare project. This project is a part of the WSSIC BW/CW Working Group commitment to substantially increase the effectiveness of intelligence analysis in CW. It does reflect elements of the general CW assessment study conducted by ACD/ORD during FY-79.

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Date  
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REMARKS

[ ] has talked with [ ] about this project and was briefed recently by [ ] on the extent of the PRIME Program. It is anticipated that [ ] contribution will be similar to that required for the anthrax study -- [ ] will scan his regular journals for information on pesticides and fertilizer production and may be asked to review books for pertinent information. Some help may be required from others in UD who scan the chemical and agriculture literature, but it is not expected that the effort will interfere with other requirements. If the literature-screening segment is successful, it is possible that JPRS will be called on for translation support. It is difficult to guess at this early stage what the translation costs will be.

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[ ] believes that preparatory meetings will begin in about 10 days and will probably be held in the Rosslyn area. [ ] is expected to attend these.

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[ ] does not think the extra effort will present obstacles to his normal exploitation duties. With the exception of the preparatory meetings and possible trips to the Library of Congress to screen books, all of [ ] contribution will be made from Key.

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